

Applicant : Robert E. Ray, Jr. et al.  
Serial No. : 10/034,687  
Filed : December 20, 2001  
For : Electrochemical Cell Having Venting Current Collector and Seal Assembly

Art Unit: 1745  
Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-12, 24, 26, 32 and 39-42 have been amended, and claims 3-8, 16-23, 25 and 34-38 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 9-15, 24, 26-33 and 39-44 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

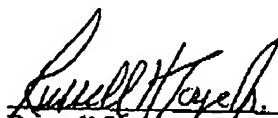
In the Office action mailed on May 3, 2004, the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-7, 13-24, 28-37, 43 and 44. The rejections were maintained in the Advisory Action mailed on July 16, 2004. In the Advisory Action mailed on September 29, 2004, the Examiner did not enter the amendments made in the paper filed on August 31, 2004, because new issues were raised that would require further consideration and/or search, and the amendments were not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal. The Examiner previously objected to claims 8-12, 25-27 and 38-42 for being dependent upon rejected claims but found them to contain allowable subject matter. The claims have amended above to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claims into the corresponding independent claims, and other claims have been cancelled to place the application into condition for allowance.

In the above amendment, independent claims 1, 24 and 32 have been amended to incorporate the features of claims 8, 25 and 38 respectively. Claims 8, 25 and 38, as well as claims 3-7, 16-23 and 34-37 have been cancelled. Claims 9-12, 26 and 39-42 have been amended so they do not depend from cancelled claims. Claim 24 has also been amended to correct the spelling of "container".

It is believed that claims 1, 2, 9-15, 24, 26-33 and 39-44 are now in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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